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In Re Application of:)
Kohl, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1711
Serial No.: 10/686,697) Examiner: THORNTON, Yvette C.
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For: Polymers, Methods of Use Thereof, and) Confirmation No.: 7668
Methods of Decomposition Thereof)

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DECLARATION OF PAUL A. KOHL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir,

I, Paul A. Kohl, hereby declare that:

- 1) I am a named co-inventor of the above-referenced patent application. The invention embodied in the above-identified patent application is directed to photodefinable polymers, methods of use thereof, and methods of decomposition thereof.
- 2) I am advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has rejected one or more claims presently pending in the above-identified patent application based, at least in part, upon Wu *et al.*, Journal of The Electrochemical Society, 149, (10) G555-G561 (2002), Titled: Lithographic Characteristics and Thermal Processing of Photosensitive Sacrificial Materials, by Xiaoqun Wu, Hollie A. Reed, Larry F. Rhoades, Ed Elce, R. Ravikiran, Robert A. Shick, Clifford L. Henerson, Sue Ann Bidstrup Allen, and Paul A. Kohl (*Wu et al.*). I am further advised that the effective publication date of the *Wu et al.* publication is August 16, 2003, while the effective date of the present application is October 16, 2002. I have read both the pending Office Action from the USPTO and the *Wu et al.* reference.

3) The work described in the *Wu et al.* reference, however, is my own work and was either accomplished in my own laboratory and/or under my supervision.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements are made on information and belief and are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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